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## **North Etiwanda Preserve Tops 1,100 acres**

SAN BERNARDINO - San Bernardino Kangaroo Rats, Gnatcatchers and other endangered species will have more room to roam in the North Etiwanda Preserve thanks to actions taken by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

Supervisors unanimously accepted more than 230 acres of preservation land and \$588,650 to maintain the property. The additions bring the North Etiwanda Preserve and adjacent open space to about 1,180 acres.

"The greater preserve area just keeps growing," Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said. "We started with about 750 acres in 1998, and now we're past 1,100 acres of protected land where native animals and plants can flourish."

Developers building new homes in Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga contributed the 230 acres and funds to County Special Districts in accordance with conservation requirements. The County will use the money to maintain and preserve the property. The County receives an endowment of \$2,500 per acre of conservation land from developers to pay for upkeep and supervision costs.

About 149 acres of the additional land is outside of the preserve's boundary. The County has asked the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to include the land within the boundaries of County Service Area (CSA) 120, which encompasses the North Etiwanda Preserve. By expanding the CSA, the County can ensure continued maintenance and preservation of the land after planned annexations by the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

The Board of Supervisors established the preserve in 1998 by accepting a large swath of mitigation land from San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) for the construction of the 210 Freeway. The preserve in the foothills north of Rancho Cucamonga consists of one core area of about 760 acres and surrounding parcels set aside for habitat.

The preserve contains significant amounts of rare and threatened habitat such as Sycamore Alluvial Woodland, California Walnut Woodland, and Fresh Water Marsh and is home to an array of native wildlife. The area also is one of the few expanses of Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub left in California.